STAND. COM. REP. NO. 466

Honolulu, Hawaii

## FEB 2 0 2015

RE: S.B. No. 419 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 419 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow neighborhood board members to attend meetings or presentations without violating the Sunshine Law, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Neighborhood Commission Office of the City and County of Honolulu, Waikiki Neighborhood Board, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Society of Professional Journalists, League of Women Voters, and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and Civil Beat Law Center for Public Interest.

Your Committee finds that there have been widespread complaints regarding the inability of neighborhood board members to attend informational events due to the Sunshine Law. Under section 92-82, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if at least a number that constitutes a quorum of neighborhood board members attends any meetings or presentations open to the public, those members in attendance may be in violation of the Sunshine Law. Implementation of this measure will allow neighborhood board members to attend meetings or presentations without violating the

Sunshine Law, under certain conditions, and increase communication between neighborhood board members and constituents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 419, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 419, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 419	Committee Referral: Date: 2-17-15				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)		1/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)		V			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		<b>V</b>			
SLOM, Sam		<b>V</b>			
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TOTAL		5			
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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